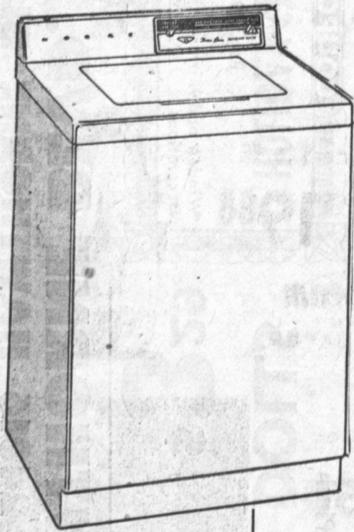


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**The Christmas Story, From A Danger Point of View**

Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.,  
L.A. County Health Officer

Although enough of the original Christmas spirit remains to make Christmas one of the most joyous of holidays, crowds and noise, hurry, irritation and traffic congestion all contribute to make the season one of the most hazardous of the year as well.

Gradual changes have been taking place in the Christmas holiday season since the early part of the 19th century. Formerly a religious festivity celebrated throughout the Christian world on the birthday of Christ, with the passing of the years Christmas has become an increasingly social occasion.

Use of the evergreen tree at Christmas time is a custom that originated in Germany. It has spread to many parts of the world during the last century and a half, and has been wholeheartedly accepted in this country. So much a part of the festivity have the trees become, as a matter of fact, that Christmas just wouldn't be the same without them. As recently as 1926, it is recorded, a giant redwood in

the General Grant National Park was dedicated as the "Nation's Christmas Tree."

Outside of traffic accidents, perhaps the most publicized yuletide hazard is the Christmas tree itself, which has become one of the symbols of Christmas to a great number of people. However, the Christmas tree is but one of the many hazards peculiar to this holiday season.

A few precautions particularly applicable to the Christmas season are herewith listed.

Be sure that toys are not made of paper, cotton, or plastics that are inflammable.

Do not give babies or young children toys with parts that may be removed and swallowed or inhaled.

Avoid toys with sharp edges and points or shooting and target toys, all of which may injure the eyes.

When giving chemistry sets, air rifles, motor scooters, bicycles, etc., to older children, always be sure the gifts are accompanied by whatever instructions are necessary for safety.

Put the Christmas tree in a container of water or wet sand to keep it moist and lessen the danger of fire. When the needles start falling off, it is drying out and should be discarded. It will last longer if kept out-of-doors until a few days before Christmas.

Use only approved electric fixtures and wiring on the tree, and inspect all cords and connections before using them. Do not leave the tree lighted when the family is away from home. Do not operate electric trains around Christmas trees. Spruce, cedar and pines are filled with pitch and resin and ignite easily. And drive carefully. This means that you have to watch the other fellow's driving as well as your own. If planning to drive a car, DON'T drink intoxicating beverages.

Reflections of the early morning and evening sun frequently distort the colors of traffic lights, the Allstate Safety Crusade warns. Motorists on such occasions should slow down and be extra alert at intersections even when the light appears green.

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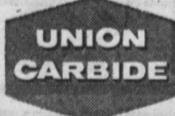
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